

“The Three R’s of the Postal Network Plan: Re-alignment, Right-Sizing, and Responsiveness.” Testimony was heard from Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: David Williams, Inspector General; and Patrick Donahoe, Deputy Postmaster General; John Waller, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING WINDSTORM HAZARD MITIGATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on The National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program: Strengthening Windstorm Hazard Mitigation. Testimony was heard from Sharon L. Hays, Associate Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Economic Stimulus for Small Business: A Look Back and Assessing Need for Additional Relief.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER MEDICAL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on FMCSA’s Progress in Improving Medical Oversight of Commercial Drivers. Testimony was heard from Mitchell A. Garber, M.D., Medical Officer, National Transportation Safety Board; Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and Rose McMurray, Chief Safety Officer and Assistant Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

AVIATION SECURITY UPDATE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Security: An Update. Testimony was heard from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Timothy L. Campbell, Executive Director, Aviation Administration, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on promoting health information technology. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SMALL MARKET DRUGS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the escalating prices of certain prescription drugs, focusing on the impact on the pharmaceutical market, hospital budgets, and patients’ medical bills, especially people with rare diseases, after receiving testimony from Madeline M. Carpinelli, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy PRIME Institute, and Alan L. Goldbloom, Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, both of Minneapolis; and Danielle Foltz, Providence, Rhode Island.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine financial institutions located in off-shore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services Administration, 12 noon, SD-342.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “A Review of Mortgage Servicing Practices and Foreclosure Mitigation,” 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Executive Power and Its Constitutional Limitations, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Friday, July 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Monday, July 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 9:15 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.

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